

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2007 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 6, 2008.

Claims 3-4, 11-12, 15 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of their respective base claims. Claims 2, 6-10, 13 and 18-19 have been amended to change their claim dependencies. Applicants believe no new matter has been introduced by the amendments presented herein. The amendments have been made in a good faith effort to put the claims in condition for allowance. Claims 1 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to subsequently take up prosecution of the claims as originally filed in this application in a continuation, a continuation-in-part and/or a divisional application. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 8 and 13 have been objected to for certain informalities. Claims 8 and 13 have been amended to address these informalities. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 6-10, 13-14 and 18-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2005/0068850 ("Muyzert"). Claims 1 and 14 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection moot with respect to these claims. Claims 2, 6-10 and 13 have been amended to depend from claim 3, which has been amended to put the claim in condition for allowance. Therefore, claims 2, 6-10 and 13 are also in condition for allowance. Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to depend from claim 15, which has been amended to place the claim in condition for allowance. Therefore, claims 18 and 19 are also in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 3-4, 11-12, 15 and 17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, claims 3-4, 11-12, 15 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 3-4, 11-12, 15 and 17 are therefore

in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 5-10, 13, 16 and 18-19 are also in condition for allowance since they depend from claims 3 and 15, respectively. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for considering the subject matter recited in these claims as being allowable.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, neither alone nor in combination, teach, show, or suggest the claimed invention. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

The prior art made of record is noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicants' disclosure than the primary references cited in the office action. Therefore, it is believed that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not deemed necessary for a full and complete response to this office action. Accordingly, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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